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COMMUNICATION

This paper is being submitted to facilitate entry of the Preliminary Amendment filed on December 22, 2006 in the above-identified application into the USPTO's electronic file history.

On January 10, 2007, Applicants' undersigned representative telephoned Examiner Mancho to request prompt consideration of the "Response to Restriction Requirement" filed on January 2, 2007 which requested that the Restriction Requirement of December 28, 2006 be withdrawn and reconsidered in view of the new set of claims that appear in the previously filed Preliminary Amendment of December 22, 2006. The Examiner reviewed the USPTO's electronic file history and stated that it does not contain the Preliminary Amendment filed on December 22, 2006 or any indication that such paper was filed, even though the USPTO's Public PAIR site contains this paper in the IFW. The Examiner stated that he cannot review the new set of claims until the Preliminary Amendment becomes entered in the USPTO's electronic file history, and that the entry in Public PAIR would not be sufficient to meet this requirement. The Examiner also stated that the "Response to Restriction Requirement" filed on January 2, 2007 was properly entered into the USPTO's electronic file history.

Accordingly, Applicants are resubmitting the Preliminary Amendment of December 22, 2006 and the associated Acknowledgement Receipt in a second attempt to cause the Preliminary Amendment to become formally entered into the USPTO's electronic file history. Upon entry of the Preliminary Amendment, prompt consideration of the "Response to Restriction Requirement" filed on January 2, 2007 is respectfully requested.

Respectively submitted,

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